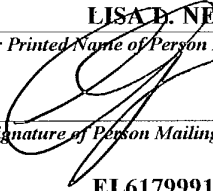
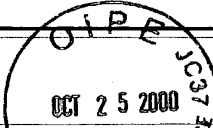


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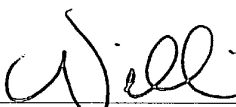
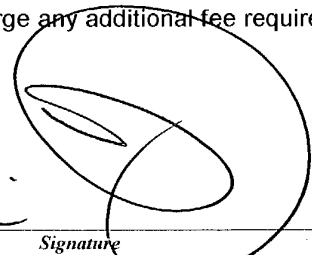
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**RESPONSE TO DECISION ON  
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The undersigned attorney for the Applicants respectfully responds to the Decision on Petition to the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 and Request For Reconsideration Thereof. In addition to the evidence already presented on Applicants' behalf, i.e., the Affidavit of William E. Johnson, Jr., the attorney for the Applicants filed via express mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.10, the complete application, and the drawings including Figs. 1-4, Applicants also submit the following:

Applicants' Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Large Entity), page 2 of 3, references at 3b the inclusion of 2 sheets of informal drawings as well as a Certificate of Mailing, Express Mail Label No. EH0966945591US at No. 14. This Application Transmittal is dated March 13, 2000. See Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

Further, Applicants' Certificate of Express Mailing by "Express Mail" (37 C.F.R. 1.10) dated March 13, 2000, bears Express Mailing Label No. EH0966945591US. See Exhibit 2 attached hereto.

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Therefore, having duly shown receipt by the United States Post Office of all the materials previously submitted by Applicants as evidence, and the new evidence shown herein above evidencing transmittal of the same on March 13, 2000 by the United States Post Office, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's decision to deny the granting of the Petition and hereby request that the same be granted.

Applicants once again respectfully request that the Petition Fee of \$130.00 previously submitted on July 12, 2000, be refunded in view of the drawings having already been filed in this application on March 13, 2000. The Applicants do not believe that any additional is due or payable to the United States Patent Office. However, if additional fees are required the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2166 for the payment of those fees. This authorization is made in duplicate.

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d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
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5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)*

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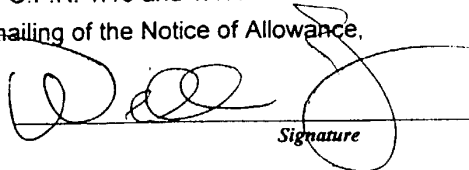
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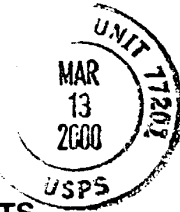
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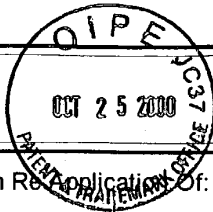
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